

NA'RADA said;—Be pleased to describe to me, O lord the undecaying, unchanging Vishnu, the grantor of all bli<^ who should be hyrnnised, every day, at the time of divine worship. Commendable and well-born are they, and they have achieved the end of their existence, who constantly hymnise the undecaying Vishnu. Such men are competent to confer all sorts of happiness on their kindred.

BRAHMA' said :—Hear me narrate, O holy sage, the hymn to Vasudeva, which grants emancipation to its reciters, and which, being sung at the time of worship by a votary, brings about the gratification of the deity. Om, obeisance to the god, Vasudeva, the absolver of all sin, obeisance to th<» pure-bodied one, the embodiment of pure knowledge, obeisance to the lord of ail the gods, who wears the ringlets of hair on his breast knoxvn as the Shrivatsa, Obeisance to the wielder of sword and buckle, who wears a garland of lotus flowers around his neck. Obeisance to the mainstay of the universe* to the support of the heaven—to the dreadful Nrisinha* (Man-lion)^ to the light that burns in the hf*art, free from doubt and hesitation (Vaikuntha). Obeisance to the lotus-navelled, thousand-headed one, who li**s on the serpent of eternity (Shesha) in the ocean of the milk of ambrosia (Kshiroda). Obeisance to the destroyer of the K<? hatriya race% who \ields a battle-axe in his hand. Obeisance^ aver and again, to the adorable and the true-willed one. Obeisance to the lord

of the three regions, to the discus-
wielding divinity, to the
subtlest, original, blissful principle.
Obeisance to the dwarf-
shaped sod, who. relieved Vali of the
cares of a kingdom—
to the spirit of the sacrifice, manifest in
the' shape of the
primordial bo?r. Om obeisance to
Govinda. Obeisance ta
the highest joy, to the perfect knowledge,
to orve who. is eternal
knowledge and original idea and from
whom all knowledge
proceeds. Obeisance to the supreme,
secondless reality, to
the foremost subjectivity, to the cr-eator,
governor and final
°f the universe, to the fountain source of
all knowledge^